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Abstract

General Administration Department- WP(C) No. 1040/2019 filed by the Pravasi Legal Cell- Implementation of RTI Online Portal in State of Kerala- Judgment of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India- Complied with- Orders issued.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (CO-ORDINATION) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Ms)No.94/2023/GAD Dated,Thiruvananthapuram, 19-06-2023

Read 1. Government letter no. 57/Cdn.5/2022/GAD dated 21.06.2022.

2. E-mail dated 14.02.2023 from Senior Director, National Informatics Centre, Thiruvananthapuram.
Order dated 20.03.2023 of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in WP(C) No. 1040/2019 filed by the Pravasi Legal Cell.

3. Government letter no. 57/Cdn.5/2022/GAD dated 15.03.2023.

4. Order dated 20.03.2023 of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in WP(C) No. 1040/2019 filed by the Pravasi Legal Cell.

ORDER

The Pravasi Legal Cell had filed WP(C) No. 1040/20019 before the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India praying to pass an appropriate writ order to all State Governments to establish an online Right to Information (RTI) Portal to enable the citizens to file online applications for information from any department of State Governments under RTI Act, 2005. In the said WP(C) the Hon'ble Supreme Court in its order read as 4th paper above, directed all State Governments/ Union Territories to set up and operationalise online web portals so that information sought under the Right to Information Act, 2005 is made available in respect of all public authorities falling within their jurisdiction, within a period of three months.

An RTI Online Portal had already been implemented in the State of Kerala with the help of IT Mission. But the Portal had ceased to work owing to certain technical difficulties and in the circumstances the National Informatics Centre was entrusted with developing a new RTI Online Portal as per Government letter

referred as 1st paper above. The National Informatics Centre reported as per the mail read as 2nd paper above that the development of the software for the Portal has been completed. The security audit of the portal was entrusted with Kerala State IT Mission as per the letter read as 3rd paper above and the same completed by the Cert- K, Kerala State IT Mission on 14.05.2023.

The payment for the fees in the RTI Online Portal will be through e-Treasury Portal. For this, the State Information Commission has been mapped in in e-Treasury with **Department code 670 and office code 01116700005** . The Head of Account "**0070-60-118-99-00 (Head ID- 41783**) Receipts under Right to Information Act 2005" has also been added.

The RTI Online Portal will function as a module of the e-Office. In the Government Secretariat, the Superintendents, Office Sections have been assigned as Nodal Officers for the respective departments in the RTI Online Portal. For other Government Offices in the State, the Officers in charge of the Section that receives and distributes the Tappals will be designated as the Nodal Officer. The Nodal Officers mapped in the Portal will be responsible for receiving the applications under Right to Information Act, 2005 and distributing them to the State Public Information Officers concerned. They will monitor the RTI Online Portal on a daily basis and ensure that the applications received are distributed within the time limit stipulated as per the Right to Information Act, 2005.

The RTI Online Portal has been made available in public domain on 19.06.2023. The citizens can access the portal through the web address "rtiportal.kerala.gov.in". Nevertheless, the Public Authorities will still accept physical applications if the citizens choose to submit them.

The order of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India read as 4th paper above has thus been complied with.

(By order of the Governor)
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